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Dedication to Harry B. Seed

Late Harry Bolton Seed was a good personal and professional friend to me and a friend of UMR.

I had met Professor Seed first in Berkeley, CA in 1976 when I was visiting USA from India. I had till then known him a professional giant, but that day I found him to be a very simple person as well.

From 1979 onwards, he was a regular speaker in our short course on Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering at UMR after I moved to UMR in 1978. He also delivered State of the Art lectures to our two conferences in 1981 and 1984.

He had visited me in Roorkee in 1983 and delivered several seminars. All my colleagues at the Building Research Station in Roorkee were impressed by his simplicity and clarity in thought.

After the 1981 International Conference in Stockholm, we were together for two days in Oslo (Norway). He was narrating an anecdote: He was not sure how to excite a soil deposit in 2 directions in the laboratory. His son asked the worried dad what his problem was. The son gave his dad a simple solution, "Place one shake table on the other". This is what exactly Harry did.

If he were alive and in good health today, he would be the principle speaker in this session. It is therefore, appropriate that we dedicate this session to the memory and honor of late Harry Bolton Seed.



Picture taken in 1983 in Roorkee, India during the visit of late H.B. Seed. Sitting left to right: Andy Veletsos, late H.B. Seed, Dick Woods. Standing left to right: Shamsheer Prakash, late Suren Saxena, Romesh Batra, Soami Anand.

(Shamsheer Prakash)

This Special Session on Loma Prieta Earthquake is dedicated to the honor and memory of the late Harry Bolton Seed.

